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1934

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This return relates to the fifth General Election to the Legislative Assembly under the Government of India Act of 1919. This election would, in the ordinary course of events, have been held in 1933, since the statutory duration of the Legislative Assembly is three years. This period was, however, extended for a further year by the Governor-General under the powers conferred by the Act, and the election was accordingly held in the Autumn of 1934.

Since 1930, no election has been held for the Council of State or the Provincial Councils. The statutory duration of the former is five years, and in the case of the latter the statutory period of three years has been extended, under the powers conferred by the Act, in view of the impending constitutional changes.

SUMMARY

Class of constituency.	Number of seats.	Number of seats filled without contest.	Number of candidates for contested seats	Percentage of votes polled to number of electors in contested constituencies.	Percentage in 1930.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Madras—					
Non-Muhammadan ...	10	—	21	58·4	30·4
Muhammadan	3	—	8	62·7	56
European	1	1	—	—	—
Landholders	1	—	2	88·07	72·95
Indian Commerce ...	1	—	2	89·04	—
Bombay—					
Non-Muhammadan ...	7	—	18	60·38	10·0
Muhammadan	4	1	8	55·52	58·41
European	2	2	—	—	—
Landholders	1	—	3	76·98	—
Indian Commerce ...	2	1	2	83·09	—
Bengal—					
Non-Muhammadan ...	6	2	11	26·7	—
Muhammadan	6	4	4	34·1	40·3
European	3	3	—	—	—
Landholders	1	—	2	60·4	—
Bengal Marwari Association ...	1	—	2	94·6	87·0
United Provinces—					
Non-Muhammadan Urban	1	1	—	—	—
Non-Muhammadan Rural	7	3	13	56·76	14·18
Muhammadan Urban ...	1	—	3	57·00	—
Muhammadan Rural ...	5	—	11	70·00	43·72
United Provinces Landholders	1	1	—	—	—
United Provinces European	1	1	—	—	—
Punjab—					
Non-Muhammadan ...	3	—	6	64·0	40·5
Muhammadan	6	4	4	75·9	62·2
Sikh	2	—	7	60·6	49·9
Landholders	1	1	—	—	—
Bihar and Orissa—					
Non-Muhammadan ...	8	1	16	64·1	8·7
Muhammadan	3	2	2	73·3	53·7
Landholders	1	—	2	85·7	62·6
Central Provinces and Berar—					
Non-Muhammadan ...	4	—	9	58·2	—
Muhammadan	1	—	4	62·9	41·0
Landholders	1	1	—	—	—
Assam—					
Non-Muhammadan ...	2	—	4	45·8	—
Muhammadan	1	1	—	—	—
European	1	1	—	—	—

SUMMARY—*continued*

Class of constituency.	Number of seats.	Number of seats filled without contest.	Number of candidates for contested seats.	Percentage of votes polled to number of electors in contested constituencies.	Percentage in 1930.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
North-West Frontier Province—					
General	1	—	3	73·0	—
Burma—					
Burma European Constituency	1	1	—	—	—
Burma (Non-European) Constituency	3	—	4	29·99	17·7
Delhi—					
General	1	—	2	38·62	22·87
Ajmer Merwara—					
General	1	—	4	76·6	35·88
TOTAL	106	32	177	53·54	26·1

Province.	Provincial percentage of votes polled in contested constituencies.	No. of candidates who forfeited deposit.
Madras	58·9	5
Bombay	59·99	6
Bengal	28·7	2
United Provinces	60·1	4
Punjab	65·5	2
Bihar and Orissa	64·5	3
Central Provinces and Berar ...	58·5	4
Assam	45·89	Nil.
North-west Frontier Province ...	73	„
Burma	29·99	„
Delhi	38·62	„
Ajmer Merwara	76·6	1

TOTAL ELECTORATE: 1,415,892

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS IN CONTESTED CONSTITUENCIES: 1,135,899

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES POLLED 608,198

WOMEN VOTERS

Province.	No. enrolled.	No. enrolled in contested constituencies.	No. who who voted.	Percentage of col. (4) on col. (3).	Percentage in 1930.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Madras	28,322	28,048	8,165	29·11	11·5
Bombay	8,829	7,260	2,119	29·19	3·2
Bengal	20,262	9,359	898	9·6	—
United Provinces ...	8,651	4,764	700	14·7	3·3
Punjab	3,491	2,547	578	22·7	7·5
Bihar and Orissa ...	2,906	1,867	348	18·6	3·0
Central Provinces and Berar	1,388	1,367	237	17·3	—
Assam	706	604	112	18·54	—
North-west Frontier Province	—	—	—	—	—
Burma	6,134	6,028	1,111	18·43	—
Delhi	913	913	237	25·95	—
Ajmer Merwara ...	—	—	—	—	—

DETAILED STATEMENT

In Column (7) the initials prefixed in heavy type denote, where known, the Political Party to which each Candidate belongs (C. = Congress, I. = Independent, C.N. = Congress National, E. = European.)

Place and class of constituency.	Number of Seats.	Number of candidates.	Total number of electors.	Total number of electors who voted.	Percentage of col. (5) on col. (4).	Successful candidate.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
MADRAS—						
Non-Muhammadan Urban—						
Madras City	1	2	15,131	12,419	82·07	**C.** Mr. S. Satyamurti Iyer.
Non-Muhammadan Rural—						
Ganjam *cum* Vizagapatam ...	1	2	50,949	27,430	53·8	**C.** Mr. V. V. Giri.
East Godavari, West Godavari *cum* Kistna	1	2	61,654	34,391	55·8	**C.** Mr. K. Nageswara Rao Pantulu.
Guntur *cum* Nellore	1	2	25,399	16,601	65·4	**C.** Mr. G. Ranganayakulu.
Madras Ceded Districts and Chittoor	1	2	26,822	16,776	62·5	**C.** Mr. M. Ananta Sayanam Garu.
Salem and Coimbatore *cum* North Arcot	1	2	25,448	17,549	68·9	**C.** Mr. T. S. Avanashilingam Chettiar.
South Arcot *cum* Chingleput ...	1	2	19,824	14,123	71·2	**C.** Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliar.
Tanjore *cum* Trichinopoly	1	3	27,082	17,081	63·07	**C.** Dr. T. S. S. Rajan.
Madura and Ramnad *cum* Tinnevelly	1	2	37,529	13,189	35·1	**C.** Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja Avargal.
West Coast and the Nilgiris ...	1	2	21,964	12,776	58·2	**C.** Mr. Samuel Aaron.
Muhammadan—						
North Madras	1	4	2,820	1,869	66·2	**I.** Mr. Umralisha.
South Madras	1	2	8,252	4,395	53·2	**I.** M. Syed Murtuza Sahib Bahadur.
West Coast and the Nilgiris ...	1	2	4,786	3,689	77·07	**I.** Mr. H. A. SatharHaji Essack Sait.
Madras—European	1	1	2,447	—	—	**E.** Mr. F. E. James.
Madras—Landholders	1	2	629	554	88·07	– Raja Sir Vasudeva Raja.
Madras—Indian Commerce	1	2	1,652	1,471	89·04	**C.** Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetty.
Total	16	34	332,388	194,313	58·4	

DETAILED STATEMENT—*continued*

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BOMBAY—						
Non-Muhammadan Urban—						
Bombay City	2	4	45,213	30,923	68·39	I. Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Bt., K.C.I.E., O.B.E. C. Dr. G. V. Deshmukh.
Non-Muhammadan Rural—						
Bombay Northern Division ...	1	2	50,796	25,990	51·17	C. Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai.
Bombay Central Division	2	6	45,464	26,465	58·21	C. Mr. K. M. Jedhe. C. Mr. N. V. Gadgil.
Bombay Southern Division ...	1	3	33,346	22,383	67·12	C. Mr. S. K. Hosmani.
Sind	1	3	21,497	12,778	59·44	C.N. Mr. Lalchand Navalrai.
Muhammadan Urban—						
Bombay City	1	1	6,551	—	—	I. Mr. M. A. Jinnah.
Muhammadan Rural—						
Bombay Central Division	1	5	2,548	1,869	73·35	– Mr. A. E. Haroon Jaffer.
Sind	2	3	24,017	12,880	53·63	I. Seth Haji Abdullah Haroon – Mr. N. B. I. B. Bhutto.
European—						
Bombay	2	2	9,769	—	—	E. Mr. W. B. Hossack. E. Sir Leslie Hudson, Kt.
Landholders—						
Sind Jagirdars and Zamindars ...	1	3	1,638	1,261	76·98	– Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, K.C.S.I.
Indian Commerce—						
The Indian Merchants' Chamber and Bureau	1	2	562	467	83·09	– Mr. Mathuradas Vissanji.
The Bombay Millowners' Association	1	1	84	—	—	I. Mr. H. P. Mody.
Total	16	35	241,485	135,016	55·9	

BENGAL—						
Non-Muhammadan Urban—						
Calcutta	1	1	16,008	—	—	**C.N.** Mr. S. C. Bhose
Calcutta Suburbs	1	1	27,884	—	—	**C.N.** Dr. P. N. Banerjea.
Non-Muhammadan Rural—						
Burdwan Division	1	3	37,243	11,220	30·1	**C.N.** Mr. A. N. Chattopadhyaya.
Presidency Division	1	4	32,195	9,358	29·1	**C.N.** Mr. L. K. Maitra.
Dacca Division	1	2	30,256	1,143*	3·8*	**C.N.** Mr. S. K. Shome.
Chittagong and Rajshahi Divisions ...	1	2	36,106	14,560	40·3	**C.N.** Mr. A. C. Dutta.
Muhammadan Urban—						
Calcutta and Suburbs	1	1	6,805	—	—	**(President)** Sir Abdur Rahim, K.C.S.I.
Muhammadan Rural—						
Burdwan and Presidency Divisions ...	1	2	20,187	5,798	28·7	– Sir Abdulla Suhrawardy, Kt.
Dacca *cum* Mymensingh	1	1	9,105	—	—	– Mr. A. H. K. Ghuznavi.
Bakarganj *cum* Faridpur	1	1	14,190	—	—	**I.** Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq.
Rajshahi Division	1	2	22,097	8,639	39·1	**C.** Mr. M. A. Y. Baqui.
Chittagong Division	1	1	17,933	—	—	– Mr. M. Anwar-ul-Azim.
Bengal European	3	3	1,594	—	—	**E.** Mr. George Morgan, C.I.E. **E.** Sir Darcy Lindsay, Kt. C.B.E. **E.** Mr. J. A. Milligan.
Bengal Landholders	1	2	740	447	60·4	**I.** Mr. D. K. Lahiri Chaudhury.
Bengal Marwari Association	1	2	111	105	94·6	– Mr. Baijnath Bajoria.
Total	17	28	272,454	51,270	18·9	

* The election was purely formal as one of the candidates did not contest the poll.

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UNITED PROVINCES—						
Non-Muhammadan Urban—						
Cities of the United Provinces ...	1	1	24,484	—	—	C. Dr. Bhagwan Das.
Non-Muhammadan Rural—						
Meerut Division	1	2	37,936	—	—	C. Chaudhri Raghbir Narain Singh.
Agra Division	1	5	37,684	22,741	60·00	C. Shri Krishna Dutt Paliwal.
Rohilkhand and Kumaun Divisions	1	2	23,539	—	—	C. Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant.
Allahabad and Jhansi Divisions ...	1	2	20,753	8,741	42·00	C. Mr. Sri Prakash.
Benares and Gorakhpur Divisions	1	1	17,250	—	—	C. Munshi Iswar Saran.
Lucknow Division	1	2	11,834	6,898	58·00	C. Mr. Mohan Lal Saksena.
Fyzabad Division	1	2	15,160	10,118	66·7	C. Sardar Jogendra Singh.
Muhammadan Urban—						
Cities of the United Provinces ...	1	3	7,575	4,375	57·00	I. Maulana Shaukat Ali.
Muhammadan Rural—						
Meerut Division	1	2	10,091	7,942	78·7	– Munshi Mohammad Ahmad.
Agra Division	1	2	2,803	507	18·00	C. Mr. T. A. K. Sherwani.
Rohilkhand and Kumaun Divisions	1	3	7,017	5,290	75·38	I. Sir Mohammad Yakub, Kt.
United Provinces Southern Divisions	1	2	5,126	3,570	69·00	I. Dr. Zia-Ud-Din Ahmad, C.I.E.
Lucknow and Fyzabad Division ...	1	2	4,853	3,768	77·7	– Munshi Azhar Ali.
United Provinces European	1	1	5,466	—	—	E. Mr. J. Ramsay Scott.
United Provinces Landholders ...	1	1	1,045	—	—	– Vijaya Ananda Gajapatiraj— Maharaj Kumar of Vizianagram.
Total	16	33	232,616	73,950	31·79	

PUNJAB—							
Non-Muhammadan—							
Amabala Division	1	2	7,577	5,811	76·7	C.	Mr. Sham Lall.
Jullundur Division	1	2	5,029	3,422	68·0	C.N.	Lala Fakir Chand.
West Punjab	1	2	18,520	10,700	57·8	–	Bhai Parmanand.
Muhammadan—							
East Punjab	1	1	3,695	—	—	I.	Syed Ghulam Bhik Nairang.
East Central Punjab...	1	2	6,079	4,264	70·1	I.	Mr. K. L. Gauba.
West Central Punjab	1	1	12,045	—	—	–	Mr. Abdulla Hafi.
North Punjab	1	1	3,238	—	—	–	Sir Muhammad Mehr Shah, Kt.
North-West Punjab	1	2	7,616	6,125	80·4	–	K. S. Shaikh Fazal Haq.
South-West Punjab	1	1	3,975	—	—	I.	K. B. Makhdum Sayyid Rajan Bakhsh Shah.
Sikh—							
East Punjab	1	4	3,122	2,367	75·8	C.N.	Sardar Mangal Singh.
West Punjab	1	3	16,134	9,296	57·6	C.N.	Sardar Sant Singh.
Landholders—							
Punjab Landholders...	1	1	1,132	—	—	I.	Mian Ghias-ud-Din.
Total	12	22	88,162	41,985	47·6		

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BIHAR and ORISSA—						
Non-Muhammadan—						
Patna *cum* Shahabad	1	3	13,071	9,334	71·4	C. Mr. Anugrah Narayan Singh.
Gaya *cum* Monghyr	1	2	15,455	10,859	70·3	C. Mr. Shri Krishna Sinha.
Darbhanga *cum* Saran	1	3	8,134	5,956	73·2	– Mr. Satya Narain Singh.
Muzaffarpur *cum* Champaran ...	1	2	7,232	4,721	65·3	C. Mr. Bepin Behari Varma.
Bhagalpur, Purnea and Santal Parganas	1	1	9,130	—	—	C. Mr. Dip Narain Sinha.
Orissa Division	2	3	6,696	3,685	55·0	C. Mr. Bhubanananda Das.
						C. Pt. Nilkantha Das.
Chota Nagpur Division	1	3	12,542	5,967	47·6	C. Mr. Ram Narayan Singh.
Muhammadan—						
Patna, Chota Nagpur *cum* Orissa Division	1	1	5,062	—	—	I. Mr. Nauman Muhammad.
Bhagalpur Division	1	1	3,845	—	—	I. Maulvi Badi-uz-Zaman.
Tirhut Division	1	2	2,006	1,471	73·2	I. Maulvi Mahomed Shafi Daudi.
Landholders—						
Bihar and Orissa, Landholders ...	1	2	161	138	85·7	– Raja Harihar Prasad Narain Singh.
Total ...	12	23	83,334	42,131	50·6	

CENTRAL PROVINCES and BERAR—						
Non-Muhammadan—						
Nagpur Division	1	2	10,288	7,105	69·06	C. Dr. N. B. Khare.
Central Provinces Hindi Divisions	2	4	18,293	9,764	53·3	C. Seth Govind Das. C. Mr. Ghanshiam Singh Gupta.
Berar	1	3	13,611	7,679	56·4	C.N. Mr. M. S. Aney.
Muhammadan—						
Central Provinces Muhammadan	1	4	2,873	1,809	62·9	I. K. S. Nawab Siddique Ali Khan.
Landholders—						
Central Provinces Landholders ...	1	1	238	—	—	C. Seth Sheodass Daga.
Total ...	6	14	45,303	26,357	58·2	
ASSAM—						
Non-Muhammadan—						
Assam Valley	1	2	19,008	8,682	45·68	C. Srijut Nabin Chandra Bardaloi.
Surma Valley *cum* Shillong ...	1	2	9,442	4,353	46·10	C. Mr. Basanta Kumar Das.
Muhammadan—						
Assam Muhammadan	1	1	11,542	—	—	I. Maulvi Abdul Matin Chaudhury.
European—						
Assam European	1	1	1,466	—	—	E. Mr. F. W. Hockenhull.
Total ...	4	6	41,458	13,035	31·4	
NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE—						
General	1	3	7,613	5,524	73·0	C. Dr. Khan Sahib.

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BURMA—						
Burma European Constituency, Rangoon	1	1	2,535	—	—	E. Mr. W. J. C. Richards.
Burma (Non-European) Constituency, Rangoon	3	4	50,577	15,171	29·99	People's Party. U. Thein Maung. Dr. Thein Maung. U Ba Si.
Total ...	4	5	53,112	15,171	28·5	
DELHI—						
General	1	2	11,371	4,392	38·62	C. Mr. Asaf Ali.
AJMER-MERWARA—						
General	1	4	6,596	5,054	76·6	Non-Party. Seth Bhag Chand Soni.

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